

**Remarks**

Restriction has been required among five claim groups.

Group IV is characterized in the office action as drawn to a method of inhibiting Vif multimerization "comprising PXP". It is assumed that what is meant is a method comprising administering *a peptide comprising the PXP motif*. Claim 2 contains the language "peptide comprising the PXP motif". Subject to this interpretation of Group IV, applicants hereby elect that group, containing claims 1, 2, 7-15, 17, 19 and 20.

Election of a species has been required. Applicants hereby elect the species of SEQ ID NO:11.

The claims readable on the elected species include claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19 and 20.

Respectfully submitted,  
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